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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Sir:

I, Masaki Nakakado, declare and state that:

I am a citizen of Japan and a co-inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

I am a co-inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0035521 (Publication '521), published on February 26, 2004.

It is my understanding that the Examiner finds that Publication '521 discloses relevant portions of the presently claimed method: specifically, the steps of supplying an elastic member; stretching the elastic member; placing the stretched elastic member so

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that the elastic member spreads across a plurality of first webs divided in a transport direction; making a part of a second web loose in the transport direction while transporting the second web, thereby forming a loose portion; placing the first webs on which the elastic member is disposed on non-loose portions before and after the loose portion of the second web; and cutting the elastic member between adjacent first webs of the plurality of first webs.

Such relevant portions described in Publication '521 originated solely with me.

Takao Wada and I are co-inventors of other aspects of the invention disclosed and claimed in the present application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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